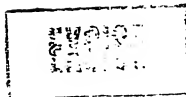


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EO 12065 RDS-1 3/19/91 (DUNNIGAN, T.J.) OR-M  
TAGS: SREF, UNHCR, AF, NL, PK  
SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

REF: STATE 64833

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ENBOFF CALLED ON

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MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED REPTL. AND LEFT TALKING  
POINTS FROM PARAS 3, 4 AND 8 WHICH SHE PROMISED TO  
REVIEW AND SEE THAT THEY WERE CIRCULATED TO THE  
APPROPRIATE PEOPLE. VAN DEN ASSUM QUOTED FROM A STAFF  
PAPER ON AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF WHICH EXPRESSED HER  
CONCERN, AND THEN SAID THAT SHE WAS "QUITE SURE" THAT  
A SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM  
THE GON. SHE UNDERLINED THAT SHE IS NOT IN POSITION TO  
OFFER GUARANTEES BUT, BARRING A NEW DISASTER WHICH  
MIGHT ABSORB MORE OF THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE,  
IT WAS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT THE GON WOULD PROBABLY  
MAKE A SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTION AROUND EARLY APRIL.  
(SHE CAUTIONED THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A DELAY  
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3. ONE PROBLEM WITHIN THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN GETTING PEOPLE TO FOCUS ON THE AFGHAN PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE TREMENDOUS PRESSURE BEING APPLIED TO GENERATE FUNDS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN AFRICA (ICARA). MOREOVER, THE MEDIA HAVE HARDLY MENTIONED THE AFGHAN SITUATION WHILE GIVING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO AFRICA AND CAMBODIA. NEVERTHELESS, /

ANTICIPATES THAT THE LEVEL OF THE DUTCH CONTRIBUTION FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES WILL EQUAL THAT OF LAST YEAR.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE            DREN ATTENTION TO THE RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL OF THE NETHERLANDS CONTRIBUTION LAST YEAR SO AS TO REMIND US THAT THE DUTCH HAVE ALREADY BEEN QUITE GENEROUS AND HOPEFULLY WILL NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR ADDITIONAL PRESSURE. DUNNIGAN

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